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## FURS.

THE subscriber will buy cash and the highest  
price for good Mink, Raccoon, Fox,  
Cat Skin, and other FURS suitable for ship-  
ping, delivered to me in Litchfield.

HIRAM JACKSON.

Litchfield, Jan. 23.

## J. G. BECKWITH,

At the Sign of Drugs and Medicines,

IS RECEIVING CONSTANTLY,

GENUINE MEDICINES; English and

American PAINTS; Osborn's Linseed,

and also Prepared OILS for painting; Pure

Port, Madeira, and other WINES; L. and P.

Porter; Gums, Turpentine, Lamp Oil—DYE

STUFFS—Trusses, Congress Water, &c.—

including all articles and medicinal prepara-

tions usually found in connexion with the a-

buse articles, which he will sell at a small ad-

vantage from cost for cash or good credit.

Litchfield, Aug. 1.

## Just Received and for sale by

GOODWIN & GALPIN,

CHILD'S Book of Commerce,

Hawes' Lectures,

Taylor's Life of Crompton,

Religious Souvenir,

Domestic Medicine,

School Testaments for 12-13 cents.

December 12.

## SCHOOL BOOKS, &c.

THE subscriber keeps on hand a general

assortment of Scamozz Books, Bibles,

Testaments, Psalms, Hymns and Common Prayer

Books, Toy Books, School Tickets, &c.

which he will sell at publisher's prices, at

wholesale or retail.

Feb. 15.

E. A. LORD.

## WINE! WINE!

A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF SUPERIOR

Champagne, Madeira, Port, and

Sherry, &c.

by the gallon or in bottles. Also, a great va-

riety of the common and low priced Wines.

Together with Rum, Brandy, Holland Gin, &c.

of the very best quality, selected with great

care, especially for medicinal purposes.

For sale by A. WILDMAN.

Apothecaries' Hall, West-street.

Litchfield, Feb. 6.

## Fresh Canaan Lime

For Sale by

GOODWIN & GALPIN.

November 7.

## Improved Trusses,

RECOMMENDED by distinguished Sur-

geons as being best calculated to relieve

the patient of any patent now in use—at a re-

duced price. Those interested will please

call and examine for themselves, at the store of

J. G. BECKWITH.

Litchfield, Dec. 5.

## Wheat and Rye Flour,

At reduced prices, warranted.

For sale by S. P. BOLLES.

February 8.

## FOR

N. Haven & N. York.

STAGES leave Litchfield daily (Sundays

excepted) for the above places at eight

o'clock in the morning. For passage, apply

at PARKS' STAGE HOUSE.

Litchfield, Nov. 14.

## India Rubber Over-Shoes.

A FEW dozen Ladies and Gentlemen's

India Rubber OVER-SHOES, of best

quality, just received by

March 6

E. A. LORD.

NEW GOODS

AT THE VARIETY STORE.

E. A. LORD

HAS just returned from New-York with a

general assortment of PERFUMERY,

consisting in part of the following articles,

which will be sold at reduced prices:

Otto of Rose, Milk of Rose, Antique Oil,

Bear's Oil, Russia Oil, Extract of Honey;

Rose, Lavender, and Cologne Water, a great

variety; Pot and Stick Pomatum, Hair Pow-

der, Frezton Salve, Lip Salve, Pastilles, Wash

Balls, fancy Window and other Soaps, Tooth

Powder, &c. &c.

A general assortment of BEADS, Bead En-

case, Fancy Boxes, Chessmen, Dominoes, Fair

Play, Sewing Cushions, Enamelled Buckles,

Steel Watch Chains and Keys, a handsome

variety of steel-pointed Pencils, Silver Thumb-

nailed of superior quality, Conversation Cards,

Children's Toys, &c. &c. &c.

Litchfield, Feb. 27.

## Recollections of General Washington.

—It was on a bracing winter evening, be-  
fore a roaring, cheerful fire, which remind-  
ed me of the venerable gay hero beside  
me, who was cracking his sly joke, and  
helping to light up the bitter weather by  
the arch interest of his anecdotes, that I  
listened to the following details, for the  
truth of which he declared that he was a  
personal witness. The eyes of the aged  
warrior, which had reflected their nineteenth  
annual sunlight, were still enlivened by the  
fires of that same valor which had distin-  
guished him in the Revolution, and though  
visibly on the eve of being gathered, ripe  
with years and virtues, among the illustri-  
ous and brave that had gone before him, he  
strikingly evidenced that he was truly an  
indestructible and never dying spirit, which  
even the tyrant of the grave could not ex-  
tinguish and subdue.

It was said he, at the termination of  
one of our Northern campaigns, that I hap-  
pened to be quartered with a number of the  
officers of our detachment, with our beloved  
General Washington, for whom I al-  
ways entertained as hearty a respect as I  
ever did for my venerable father. The  
house in which we were located was crowd-  
ed almost to overflowing, and in the next  
room to that in which we were to sup, was  
a gentleman suffering under a dangerous  
illness, who must have been exceedingly  
annoyed by the bustle and hilarity which  
prevailed, but of this circumstance few of  
us were made acquainted, as we were too  
much occupied with our public and private  
concerns to take the least interest in any  
other circumstance. The hour of supper  
was at hand, which was the usual signal of  
unlocking the reserve of the company, and  
drowning past cares and misfortunes in the  
profusion of the good things which smiled  
around. Never shall I forget the dignified  
benevolence with which Washington en-  
tered the apartment, with the demeanor of  
one who is concerned in all that is passing  
about him, and a solicitude to hush down  
all unnecessary noise by the air of reserve  
which he manifested. The meal was partaken  
of with a lively story and contagious  
laugh, although we could not but gather  
from the countenance of our Chief, that  
they were unbecomingly to the sentiments  
that were passing in his mind. He rose  
from the table just as the wine and dessert  
were about to be enjoyed, and with a low  
and gentle voice simply remarked:—“Gen-  
tlemen, I beg that you will remember in  
your mirth, that there is a sick stranger  
lodged in the next room.” The orders  
were electrical—they produced for the  
moment their quieting effect, and the de-  
parture of the General found the officers  
as silent as though they all participated in  
the suffering of the sick man. The poten-  
cy of the wine, by degrees made us forget  
the injunction we had just received—con-  
versation began to rise from a lower to a  
higher tone—the tongues and spirits of us  
all began to be inspired with new life and  
vivacity—and not even the situation of the  
diseased sufferer seemed to have the least  
effect upon dampening our gaiety; story  
rolled over story—voices piled upon voice,  
till the din of conversation and the shouts  
of merriment seemed to fill the whole house  
with one confused sea of noise.

Wary of the hilarity, my eyes rested in-  
stinctively on the door, which appeared to  
be gently opening, but so deeply absorbed  
in enjoyment were the rest of the guests,  
that not one, I believe, besides myself was  
conscious of what was passing. While  
gazing to discover who was about entering  
in so unceremonious a manner, who should  
meet my attention but the excellent old  
General himself, who came slowly into the  
room, softly treading on tiptoe, with the  
looks of a person fearful of disturbing a sick  
sleeper by his walk, and proceeding in that  
singular manner more than half way round  
the table before he was discovered by any  
one else of our party. He kept on his way  
with the same anxious and composed tread,  
apparently unconscious that there was a  
single person in the room, or that the least  
noise and confusion prevailed around him  
—and when he reached the door, he retreat-  
ed in the same silence as that in which he  
entered—and the latch was so gently closed  
that one could hardly realize the depart-  
ure of the Chief. Suffice it to say,  
that there was not an eye, tongue and  
heart that felt not the magic spell of the  
ghost-like visitation. The storm of noisy  
talk and laughter was instantly hushed to a  
calm—not an officer remained a moment  
on his chair, but fled away in a similar  
death-like silence, some to their chambers,  
others to the open air—but none of us then  
present can ever forget the memorable but  
delicate lesson taught by the good Gen-  
eral, of never suffering our selfish enjoyments  
to become so unbridled as to give unne-  
cessary pain to the feelings of any, but  
more particularly, those who are in distress.

ROBERT BURNS.

## “Then hanging our with tanning ray.”

## Highland Mary.

The episode in the

life of Burns, which has for its beginning,

its middle and its end, the attachment be-

tween himself and Mary Campbell, is ex-

ceedingly affecting. From a recent Scot-

tish work, we learn that this young female,

who was invested by the imaginative pow-

ers of the bard, with a thousand charms,

was a dairy maid at Coilsfield—a good

looking, blue-eyed girl, with a very pretty

foot. After a long courtship, in which they

found the “current of their true love” far  
from running “smoothly,” they fixed a day,  
on which to take leave temporarily of each  
other, while making the final arrangements  
for their marriage.

In a lonely but romantic spot on the  
banks of Ayr, they passed a day together.  
On separating, they stood upon the oppo-  
site banks of a little brook. They dipped  
their hands in its water in testimony of the  
purity of their intention, and then placing  
them upon a Bible together, they looked  
up to Heaven and mutually pledged their  
truth and constancy.

Mary embarked for the West Highlands  
to visit her friends, but she returned no  
more. She was taken sick, and died on her  
way to Greenock, after a short illness.

Burns never forgot the object of his af-  
fections. Even after he married Jane Ar-  
mour he continued to mourn her fate, and  
some years afterwards, upon the birth day  
of his lost Mary, he was found by his wife  
in a cold, bright evening, sitting out in the  
open air upon a wisp of straw, gazing upon  
a bright star with the utmost intenseness.  
He was prevailed on, after much persua-  
sion, to enter the house, and there he sat  
down and wrote, almost without a pause,  
those matchless lines which have immortal-  
ized his passion.—*Albany Daily Adv.*

## The value of a Great Coat.—Rev. Mr.

P. was one of the excellent of the earth.—

He was faithful not only in dispensing the

word to his flock, but in urging them to at-

tend to the word dispensed. One of his

parishioners, a weather-beaten and worn

out Revolutionary soldier, was somewhat

remiss in attending upon public worship.—

The good parson sought him out and ad-

ministered a gentle reproof for his negli-

gence. Corporal Y. excused himself on

account of his poverty; the weather was

cold, and he had no great coat. Mr. P.

remembered that it was not enough to say

be ye fed and be ye clothed; and told the

veteran to call at the parsonage, and he

should receive a garment that would make

him comfortable in the house of worship.

Y. called and was presented with the pa-

ron's second best, and the next Sunday

made his appearance with it in the congre-

gation. Very soon, however, Corporal Y.

was again numbered among the missing.—

Sunday after Sunday passed, and he ap-

peared not in the assembly. Mr. P. met

him and inquired the cause of his absence.

“I thought, sir,” said the good man, “when

I gave you the great coat, that you would

attend meeting; you told me that you

should.” And so he did, said the corpo-

ral, who valued himself upon being as good

as his word, “I did—I attended four whole

days and a half day; and I’ll leave it to

any body, for a mug of toddy, if that wasn’t

as much as the old coat would come to.”

—*Exeter News Letter.*

## Domesticated Animals.—An elephant

had slain his keeper by a blow. The

moment he saw the poor man did not move,

he stopped suddenly, seemed concerned,

looked at him with an eye of pity, and

stood riveted to the spot. He then ran to

the place whence he had broken loose, in

fear of which lay a little girl about two

years old, the daughter of his unfortunate

keeper. He took the child from the

ground, caressed and fondled it for some

time, and then replaced some clothing

which had fallen off. After this, he stood

over the child with his eyes fixed upon it;

and if, says the narrator, “I did not see

the penitential tear steal from his eye, I

never saw it in my life.” He then submit-

ted to be chained, and stood motionless and

dejected, as if sensible he had done a wrong

he could not repair. His dejection became

more and more sensible as he stood and

gazed on the fatherless babe. From this

time the animal was quiet, and he always

seemed delighted when the little orphan

was in sight. Many persons went to see

the noble creature fondling his adopted

child; but there was a visible alteration in

his health; he fell away, and died at Coun-

amore six months after.

## THE MIRROR AND THE WINDOW-PANE.

A mirror and a window-pane were once

desperately enamoured of a beautiful young

girl, who had been brought up without ev-

er seeing herself either in the glassy sur-  
face of the stream, or the polished looking  
glass. They agreed to refer their claims  
to her decision. The innocent damsel first  
looked through the pane of glass on one  
of the most lovely prospects in nature.—  
Rich meadows, spotted with sheep and cat-  
tle; copes of wood, whose fleecy foliage,  
as it waved to and fro in the sweet breeze,  
presented endless varieties of sprightly  
green; little brooks, stealing their way in  
a thousand devious meanderings through  
the grass and the flowers; hills rising gen-  
tly one above the other in graceful lines of  
beauty, until they ended in a cloud-capt  
mountain whose soft azure tints blended  
harmoniously with the skies, all mingled  
together in matchless harmony, presented  
a scene of enchanting beauty.

She gazed so long at this glowing land-  
scape, that the mirror thought it was all  
over with it, and turned dim with envy.—  
At last the damsel placed herself before it  
and became riveted to the spot, enamoured  
of the angel she saw reflected there.

She beheld in its pure bosom a figure  
graceful as the sportive kitten; eyes that

sparkled like jewels; lips like twin cher-  
ries; cheeks showing the opening roses;  
teeth of pearl, and a neck and bosom of  
snow. She stood for a while motionless  
with admiration, and when called upon for  
a decision between the rival glasses, blush-  
ed and was silent. But from that day it  
was observed that the window-pane was  
deserted for the mirror, and the former at  
length broke its heart in despair.—*Paulding.*

A late Paris paper mentions a singular  
case which lately came before the police.  
While Mons. was amusing himself in the  
galleries of the pollars, he observed,  
when carelessly looking over some pam-  
phlets at a bookseller's, that a suspicious fel-  
low stood near him. He pretended not to  
notice this, at the same time taking out his  
gold snuff-box, and returning it in his coat  
pocket. Shortly, when the crowd was  
pretty numerous about him, he felt some-  
one at his coat; of a sudden he turned a-  
bout, and seized the fellow by the ear—  
then with his penknife, which he held in  
the other hand, cut it off close to the man's  
head! All this was accomplished in an  
instant; and the pickpocket roared out  
“murder!” quite lustily, at the same time throw-  
ing down the snuff-box. “There's your  
box,” said he, “and there's your ear!”  
exclaimed Mons., throwing it at the  
fellow's feet, and picking up his snuff-box.  
The spectators were convulsed with laugh-  
ter. A policeman soon made his appearance  
and took the one eared man into custody.

## Duelling.—A singular mode of deter-

mining a point of honor, was lately hit up-

on; a person, who had been a carpenter,

having received a challenge from an offi-

cer in the army, on account of some imagi-

nary affront, and not attending to it, was

waited on by his antagonist, to know his

determination; he observed, that being al-

lowed by the laws of chivalry to choose his

weapons, he had only waited to avail him-

self of that privilege; then taking the

challenger into an adjoining apartment

where two large gimblets lay upon the ta-

ble, “There sir,” said he, “those are my

weapons.” “I don't know what you mean

sir,” said the officer. “I mean sir,” said

he, opening his bosom; “that if you can

bore a hole sooner than I can, the matter is

settled.” It is hardly necessary to say

that his proposal was not accepted.

## USEFUL RULES FOR HOUSE-WIVES.

1. When you arise in the morning, nev-

er be particular about pinning your clothes

so very nicely: you can do that any time.

2. Never comb your hair, or take off

your night cap till after breakfast. It is

your business to take time by the foretop

and not let him take you so; therefore

keep all right in that quarter till 10 o'clock

at least.